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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE IN

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1. IRVING BROWN, AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS, JUST BACK FROM ANOTHER VISIT WITH DGB OFFICIALS IN FRG TOLD LABATT THAT DGB CLAIMED FULL CREDIT FOR HAVING PREVENTED FOUR COUNTRY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE FROM AGREEING WITH USSR DEMAND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. ACCORDING TO BROWN, DGB ALLEGED THAT NORWEGIANS WERE NOT AS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO SOVIET PROPOSAL AS THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED MICHAEL BOGGS (AFL-CIO) BELIEVE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO OSLO.

2. BROWN CONSIDERS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN EAST-WEST TRADE UNION SECRETARIAT IS THE REAL SOVIET OBJECTIVE AGAINST WHICH WE UNIONS MUST GUARD THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE TEMPTED BY IDEA OF A FOLLOWUP ORGANIZATION FOR SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

3. COMMENT. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY BROWN'S APPARENT SUCCESS IN ESTABLISHING MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH DGB. HE HAS RETURNED FROM RECENT TRIPS TO FRG MORE AND MORE ENCOURAGED BY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING HE HAS DEVELOPED WITH DGB OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS, ESPECIALLY ON QUESTIONS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. BROWN IS GENEROUS IN GIVING LARGE CREDIT TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET TACTICS AND OBJECTIVES FOR DGB'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO AFL-CIO'S VIEWS AND ARGUMENTS. BROWN DOES NOT MISS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT BRANDT'S CONCEPT OF AN "OPENING TO THE EAST".  
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